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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**TWO MUNCIE MEN CHARGED WITH
DRUG POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE
COCAINE AND WEAPON POSSESSION**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHRISTOPHER LAMPKINS, 24, and REGINALD LIPSCOMB, 32, of Muncie, Indiana, were charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, and possession of a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime by Complaint today, following an investigation led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF), and assisted by the Muncie Police Department, Delaware County Sheriff's Department, and the Muncie Delaware Drug Task Force. Additionally, the Delaware County Sheriff's Response Team assisted in the takedown.

The Complaint alleges that LAMPKINS and LIPSCOMB attempted to commit a robbery of what they believed to be 20 kilograms of cocaine at an alleged stash house, namely the

Community Storage Facility located at 5500 N. Wheeling Avenue, in the early morning hours of December 20th. They attempted to flee as they were being arrested.

“We’ll win every time with the great cooperation received on this case. Two dangerous criminals are off the street and we are already looking for new targets, “ said Chief Joe Winkle, Muncie Police Department.

“A long standing and close working relationship exists between Delaware County Sheriff’s Office and ATF. It was a pleasure to be able to work side by side again to bring two dangerous suspects to justice”, said Sheriff George Sheridan. “I look forward to our next case with ATF.”

“Our law enforcement team was proactive today and a strong message was sent...if you rob with a gun we will hunt you down. There is no place in our communities for thugs with guns,” said Christopher Sadowski, Special Agent in Charge of ATF. “ATF will continue to support and work with our friends and partners in Delaware County to stop gun violence.”

Susan W. Brooks stated, “Illegal possession of guns and drugs will not be tolerated in the Southern District of Indiana. When federal agents work hand-in-hand with local law enforcement, dangerous individuals in the Delaware County area beware.”

According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry Glickman, who is prosecuting the case for the government, both LAMPKINS and LIPSCOMB faces a maximum possible prison sentence of life and a maximum possible fine of \$4 million dollars.

The Complaint is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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